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JOBLESS RATE FALLS AS CHRISTMAS HIRING ACCELERATES

Unemployment Declines Sharply

The number of jobless Texans fell substantially over the month, as the actual unemployment rate decreased from 6.9 percent in November to 5.8 percent in mid-December. That rate was the lowest in the actual series in five years. There were an estimated 479,000 unemployed in the State in December—down close to 100,000 from the November level. Total employment was estimated at 7,721,700, a modest decline from the November figure.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate exhibited a less dramatic drop, from 7.2 percent in November to 6.6 percent in December. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate changed little over the month, sliding from 5.4 percent to 5.3 percent in December. The actual rate for the Nation also decreased minimally, from 5.2 percent to 5.1 percent.

The preliminary annual average unemployment rate for the State for 1989 (based on unrevised estimates for the year) was 6.7 percent. That was the lowest average since 1984, when it was 5.9 percent.

Unemployment in the MSA's

Among the State's 28 Metropolitan Statistical Areas, declines in unemployment were also common. In fact, every MSA's December rate was lower than the November rate. The majority of the areas also had current rates which were below their year-ago rates. Only two MSA's had higher December 1989 unemployment rates compared to December 1988—McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and San Angelo. Two others, Brownsville-Harlingen and El Paso, had equivalent rates for both time periods.

The **Chart** on **page 3** shows the MSA's with the lowest and highest unemployment rates for December 1989.

Nonfarm Jobs Increase Seasonally

The count of Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs in Texas expanded by 10,600 in December, due primarily to seasonal increases in Trade and Services. In mid-December, there were an estimated 6,873,900 Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec.'89	Nov.'89	Dec.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,998.0	124,663.0	122,120.0
Unemployment	6,300.0	6,495.0	6,142.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**5.2%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	117,698.0	118,168.0	115,978.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,356.0	124,663.0	122,120.0
Unemployment	6,658.0	6,495.0	6,142.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.4%**	**5.2%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	117,698.0	118,168.0	115,978.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,200.7	8,327.1	8,265.9
Unemployment	479.0	575.3	515.2
Percent Unemployed	**5.8%**	**6.9%**	**6.2%**
Total Employment	7,721.7	7,751.8	7,750.7
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,218.0	8,265.0	8,284.0
Unemployment	542.0	597.0	591.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.6%**	**7.2%**	**7.1%**
Total Employment	7,676.0	7,668.0	7,693.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✣
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**
TOTAL	49,800	49,600	50,000	76,900	76,600	77,000	358,600	359,000	355,400	136,700	136,700	133,900
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	4,900	8,700	8,600	9,000	42,400	42,300	41,400	25,700	25,500	25,000
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,100	1,100	1,300	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	1,800
Construction	1,600	1,700	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,500	12,500	12,800	13,800	9,800	10,000	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,700	5,700	5,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	9,500	9,600	9,500
Trade	14,000	13,700	14,200	22,800	22,600	23,100	78,200	77,200	77,800	33,100	32,900	33,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,200	23,800	23,800	24,100	5,100	5,200	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,300	12,900	17,100	17,000	16,900	86,600	86,700	84,700	30,700	30,700	29,700
Government	9,000	9,000	9,000	13,700	13,800	13,500	103,900	105,000	102,400	20,800	20,800	20,600

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	62,200	61,800	60,600	70,600	71,000	69,600	52,800	53,000	50,900	127,200	127,300	125,400
Manufacturing	16,100	16,000	15,700	9,900	10,300	10,000	3,600	3,600	3,500	11,400	11,400	11,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900	—	—	—	600	600	600	3,900	4,000	4,400
Construction	7,600	7,400	7,400	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,600	1,700	2,000	9,900	10,000	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,600	3,000	3,100	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,500	6,200	6,200	6,500
Trade	11,700	11,400	11,300	18,700	18,600	18,400	11,300	11,200	10,700	31,800	31,700	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	7,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,400	16,200	16,200	15,600	9,200	9,200	8,900	29,300	29,300	28,700
Government	11,400	11,600	11,300	17,000	17,000	16,800	23,300	23,500	22,100	27,800	27,800	27,800

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,373.6	1,026.7	998.0	201,000	201,000	195,900	543,400	543,200	530,900	70,700	71,200	71,100
Manufacturing	220.2	220.8	222.8	40,400	41,100	40,600	120,800	120,800	121,500	8,500	8,600	8,300
Mining	16.9	16.8	18.2	—	—	—	4,000	4,000	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	49.1	50.6	50.9	8,400	8,200	8,600	22,100	22,800	22,200	4,800	4,800	4,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	97.8	97.6	92.4	11,000	10,900	10,800	33,100	32,800	30,800	4,800	4,800	4,600
Trade	361.6	357.9	54.3	50,600	50,300	47,000	140,900	140,400	138,200	13,800	13,800	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.4	126.1	127.7	8,200	8,300	8,400	27,200	27,100	26,800	4,000	4,000	4,100
Services & Misc.	344.9	45.1	333.8	39,100	38,900	39,100	123,500	123,200	118,200	14,200	14,400	13,900
Government	156.7	156.9	152.2	43,300	43,400	41,400	71,800	72,100	69,500	20,100	20,300	20,700

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,507.4	1,496.4	1,465.9	73,000	72,300	72,000	42,500	42,000	39,600	67,000	67,000	66,400
Manufacturing	158.1	158.1	156.1	8,600	8,500	8,300	2,000	2,100	1,800	15,500	15,400	15,900
Mining	68.1	67.4	67.0	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	91.4	91.8	87.9	3,100	3,100	3,600	1,400	1,300	1,000	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.5	101.0	101.8	2,600	2,600	2,800	5,900	5,800	5,000	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	378.8	370.3	370.7	16,900	16,800	16,700	13,400	13,100	11,900	17,500	17,500	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.4	99.3	101.0	3,200	3,100	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,500	2,600	2,600	2,700
Services & Misc.	408.9	407.1	386.9	16,800	16,500	16,200	6,500	6,500	6,400	12,800	12,900	12,100
Government	202.2	201.4	194.5	21,700	21,600	21,300	9,800	9,700	10,100	8,600	8,600	8,500

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,300	97,900	95,200	100,000	98,300	100,200	44,300	44,300	45,000	42,600	42,400	43,200
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,600	14,600	14,200	14,400	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,900	3,900	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	800	900	900	9,500	9,500	9,900	5,700	5,700	5,700
Construction	3,000	3,200	3,200	4,100	4,100	4,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,800	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,400	5,100	4,800	3,300	3,200	3,200	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	29,600	29,200	28,600	31,500	30,400	31,900	10,300	10,200	10,200	12,900	12,700	13,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,500	3,800	3,800	3,800	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,800	23,900	23,100	16,900	16,700	16,100	9,300	9,400	9,600	7,200	7,200	7,200
Government	23,000	23,000	22,000	25,000	25,000	25,800	6,900	6,900	6,600	7,500	7,400	7,500

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	35,800	35,900	36,700	512,300	511,600	508,900	37,400	37,100	37,000	47,400	47,300	45,400
Manufacturing	5,400	5,200	5,400	47,800	47,700	47,600	11,000	10,900	11,000	7,500	7,600	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,200	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,400	21,700	21,800	23,000	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,000	19,000	19,100	19,000	1,600	1,600	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	8,800	9,000	9,400	128,000	127,600	130,800	8,100	8,000	7,900	11,100	10,900	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,700	40,500	39,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,100	130,700	130,000	126,100	8,800	8,700	8,400	9,900	10,000	9,500
Government	7,400	7,500	7,100	122,300	122,800	120,500	4,300	4,300	4,400	13,300	13,200	12,200

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	61,500	61,500	60,800	28,400	29,000	27,200	80,500	80,100	80,500	50,500	50,700	51,400
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,500	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,200	15,200	14,700	8,000	8,000	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,000	3,000	3,700	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,300	16,400	7,800	7,900	7,800	19,300	18,900	19,100	12,400	12,300	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,200	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,700	14,500	5,900	6,000	6,000	21,800	22,000	21,600	12,100	12,100	11,900
Government	9,700	9,600	9,500	5,800	6,200	4,900	12,900	12,700	13,000	9,500	9,700	9,800

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The current total was close to 120,000 above the year-ago level. However, much of this over-the-year growth was generated in the first half of 1989, and expansion in several sectors has slowed substantially in the latter half of the year.

As might be expected in December, the majority of the growth was within the Retail Trade sector. More than 13,000 jobs were created within **Trade** over the month. The largest gains were centered in General Merchandise Stores, in Apparel and Accessory Stores, and in the Other Retail Trade sector, which includes specialty stores. The only notable loss in Retail Trade was a drop of 500 jobs in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations.

Seasonal factors also generated over 3,000 jobs in **Services** in December. The hiring of temporary employees in Personnel Supply Services was the primary source of the increase of 1,600 in Business and Repair Services. The onset of the winter flu season pushed employment up in physicians' offices, and nursing and personal care facilities also expanded moderately over the month. Although the private educational sector did not record losses, there were no job gains either.

Employment in Mining took a small upturn over the month, with 400 additional jobs. The current level was, however, still over 4,000 below the year-ago estimate. This small gain, along with the larger increases in Trade and Services, provided the only growth between November and December.

The largest of the downturns registered in December occurred in **Construction**, which lost 2,100 jobs. Losses were centered primarily among General Building Contractors and in Highway and Street Construction. This sector remained 3,600 below its year-ago level in December.

The normal end-of-semester decline at state schools and universities pushed employment down considerably in State Government over the month. Although Federal Government rose by a moderate number of jobs, that increase nullified only a small portion of the State sector's decline, leaving **Government** as a whole down by 1,800 in December.

Two other nonmanufacturing groups lost small numbers of jobs over the month. **Transportation and Public Utilities** dropped by 400 as Transportation, except Railroads, recorded a decline. The continuing depression in Real Estate was the primary force behind the loss of 400 jobs in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** in December. A modest gain among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers moderated the larger loss only slightly.

Manufacturing continued to decline in December, with decreases in both the Durable and Nondurable Goods sectors.

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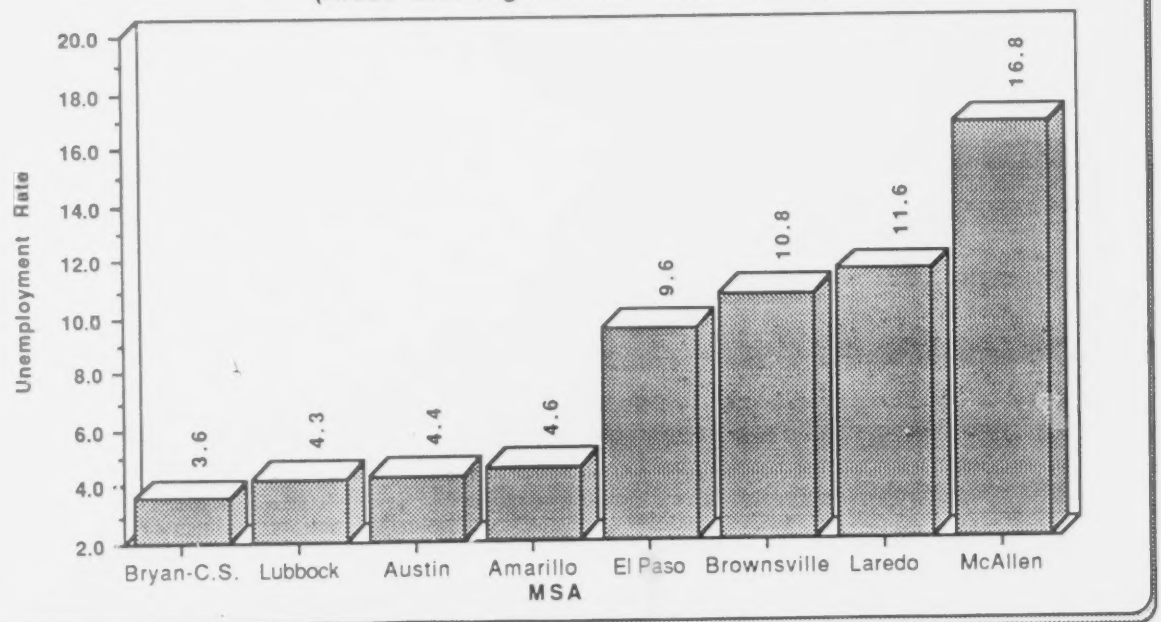
Actual Unemployment Rates for Selected Texas Metropolitan Areas - December 1989
(Areas with Highest and Lowest Rates)



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Dec.'89*	Nov.'89**	Dec.'88**	Chg. from Nov.'89	Chg. from Dec.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,873,900**	**6,863,300**	**6,755,000**	**10,600**	**118,900**
MANUFACTURING	**969,100**	**970,700**	**966,400**	**-1,600**	**2,700**
Durable Goods	**554,100**	**555,000**	**558,100**	**-900**	**-4,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,500	31,900	33,700	-400	-2,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,900	7,100	-100	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,600	16,700	16,300	-100	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,200	41,200	41,800	0	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	16,700	16,600	17,400	100	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,300	28,600	28,400	-300	-100
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,300	77,900	77,400	400	900
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,400	37,100	36,500	300	900
Machinery, exc. Electrical	104,100	104,300	105,400	-200	-1,300
Oil Field Machinery	24,100	23,800	25,300	300	-1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,900	116,200	117,400	-300	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	99,000	98,900	98,800	100	200
Aircraft & Parts	57,400	57,500	56,800	-100	600
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,600	24,600	24,100	0	500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,600	14,700	14,800	-100	-200
Nondurable Goods	**415,000**	**415,700**	**408,300**	**-700**	**6,700**
Food & Kindred Products	98,900	98,800	98,500	100	400
Meat Products	29,500	29,400	29,000	100	500
Dairy Products	4,300	4,400	4,500	-100	-200
Bakery Products	9,700	9,800	10,000	-100	-300
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,700	59,600	57,100	-900	1,600
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,600	25,300	0	300
Printing & Publishing	75,500	75,500	75,000	0	500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,400	35,100	35,400	300	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,200	80,000	77,200	200	3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,600	28,400	28,600	200	0
Petroleum Refining	25,400	25,300	25,300	100	100
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,400	8,500	-200	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	35,400	35,500	34,300	-100	1,100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,904,800**	**5,892,600**	**5,788,600**	**12,200**	**116,200**
Mining	**177,500**	**177,100**	**181,700**	**400**	**-4,200**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	8,800	9,200	100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,600	168,300	172,500	300	-3,900
Construction	**313,400**	**315,500**	**317,000**	**-2,100**	**-3,600**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**406,800**	**407,200**	**396,800**	**-400**	**10,000**
Railroad Transportation	18,800	18,800	19,600	0	-800
Transportation, exc. Railroads	228,600	229,000	219,400	-400	9,200
Transportation by Air	71,000	71,000	66,500	0	4,500
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	82,800	82,800	81,600	0	1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,600	76,600	76,200	0	400
Electric Services	40,500	40,600	40,700	-100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	27,700	27,600	27,700	100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,694,600**	**1,681,400**	**1,689,700**	**13,200**	**4,900**
Wholesale Trade	419,800	419,400	414,000	400	5,800
Retail Trade	1,274,800	1,262,000	1,275,700	12,800	-900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,500	43,000	42,600	500	900
General Merchandise Stores	185,200	180,600	184,200	4,600	1,000
Food Stores	218,800	218,700	225,900	100	-7,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,500	132,000	135,600	-500	-4,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	90,000	86,400	90,100	3,600	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	415,000	414,400	409,000	600	6,000
Other Retail Trade	190,800	186,900	188,300	3,900	2,500
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,400**	**441,800**	**440,400**	**-400**	**1,000**
Banking	97,500	97,500	96,400	0	1,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,100	144,900	141,500	200	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	198,800	199,400	202,500	-600	-3,700
Services	**1,624,200**	**1,620,900**	**1,549,300**	**3,300**	**74,900**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,200	84,400	81,600	-200	2,600
Personal Services	85,700	85,700	86,100	0	-400
Business & Repair Services	462,100	460,500	434,400	1,600	27,700
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	60,300	59,800	55,400	500	4,900
Health Services	446,400	445,600	427,400	800	19,000
Educational Services	77,700	77,700	77,000	0	700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	407,800	407,200	387,400	600	20,400
Total Government	**1,246,900**	**1,248,700**	**1,213,700**	**-1,800**	**33,200**
Federal Government	200,300	199,700	199,200	600	1,100
State Government	259,600	262,100	244,500	-2,500	15,100
Local Government	787,000	786,900	770,000	100	17,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	53,300	54,000	95,200	97,200	97,800	415,200	422,400	423,300
Total Unemployment	2,700	3,300	3,000	4,400	5,500	5,200	18,400	22,100	21,200
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	6.2%	5.6%	4.6%	5.7%	5.3%	4.4%	5.2%	5.0%
Total Employment ++	49,900	50,000	51,000	90,800	91,700	92,600	396,800	400,300	402,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,800	163,000	161,600	82,800	84,200	82,700	98,400	101,300	97,500
Total Unemployment	11,900	14,300	14,100	4,900	6,000	5,400	10,600	12,900	10,500
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	8.8%	8.7%	5.9%	7.1%	6.5%	10.8%	12.7%	10.8%
Total Employment ++	147,900	148,700	147,500	77,900	78,200	77,300	87,800	88,400	87,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,300	61,300	59,700	153,900	157,100	155,500	1,432.8	1,453.8	1,447.4
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,600	2,300	10,800	13,100	11,700	65.6	80.0	70.3
Percent Unemployed	3.6%	4.2%	3.9%	7.0%	8.3%	7.5%	4.6%	5.5%	4.9%
Total Employment ++	58,100	58,700	57,400	143,100	144,000	143,800	1,367.2	1,373.8	1,377.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	242,200	248,500	241,100	680,800	690,500	681,400	102,000	104,400	104,800
Total Unemployment	23,200	27,800	23,200	33,700	39,900	34,900	7,000	8,500	7,300
Percent Unemployed	9.6%	11.2%	9.6%	5.0%	5.8%	5.1%	6.9%	8.1%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	219,000	220,700	217,900	647,100	650,600	646,500	95,000	95,900	97,500
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,636.3	1,653.1	1,627.9	94,600	96,300	95,200	50,900	51,500	48,800
Total Unemployment	79.6	98.4	87.6	6,200	7,600	6,800	5,900	6,600	6,100
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	6.0%	5.4%	6.6%	7.9%	7.1%	11.6%	12.8%	12.5%
Total Employment ++	1,556.7	1,554.7	1,540.3	88,400	88,700	88,400	45,000	44,900	42,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,800	79,100	78,700	115,200	115,800	115,300	160,500	164,000	162,200
Total Unemployment	5,400	6,500	6,000	4,900	5,400	6,000	27,000	32,600	26,000
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	8.2%	7.6%	4.3%	4.7%	5.2%	16.8%	19.9%	16.0%
Total Employment ++	72,400	72,600	72,700	110,300	110,400	109,300	133,500	131,400	136,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,000	48,600	49,300	50,000	51,100	52,400	43,500	44,400	45,100
Total Unemployment	2,500	3,000	2,600	3,100	3,900	3,500	2,400	2,800	2,400
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	6.2%	5.3%	6.2%	7.6%	6.7%	5.5%	6.3%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	45,500	45,600	46,700	46,900	47,200	48,900	41,100	41,600	42,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	596,700	606,800	606,300	46,500	47,100	48,000	58,200	58,400	57,500
Total Unemployment	38,200	45,600	40,200	2,500	2,900	2,800	3,400	3,800	3,800
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	7.5%	6.6%	5.4%	6.2%	5.8%	5.8%	6.5%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	558,500	561,200	566,100	44,000	44,200	45,200	54,800	54,600	53,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,400	74,500	74,400	35,900	37,000	35,200	91,400	92,600	93,500
Total Unemployment	4,100	5,000	4,800	1,700	2,200	1,900	4,700	5,700	5,500
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	6.7%	6.5%	4.7%	5.9%	5.4%	5.1%	6.2%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	69,300	69,500	69,600	34,200	34,800	33,300	86,700	86,900	88,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	56,300	57,400				8,200.7	8,327.1	8,265.9
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,500	3,100				479.0	575.3	515.2
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	6.2%	5.4%				5.8%	6.9%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	52,500	52,800	54,300				7,721.7	7,751.8	7,750.7

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary - subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC.'89	NOV.'89	DEC.'88	DEC.'89	NOV.'89	DEC.'88	DEC.'89	NOV.'89	DEC.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 435.12	$ 429.29	$ 427.06	42.0	41.8	42.2	$ 10.36	$10.27	$10.12
Durable Goods	436.96	431.34	427.70	42.3	42.0	42.6	10.33	10.27	10.04
Lumber & Wood Products	302.82	296.43	297.05	41.2	41.0	41.2	7.35	7.23	7.21
Furniture & Fixtures	271.60	268.27	277.95	40.0	38.6	41.3	6.79	6.95	6.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	388.81	397.10	398.04	41.1	41.8	42.3	9.46	9.50	9.41
Primary Metal Industries	480.20	483.64	447.95	43.3	42.8	41.4	11.09	11.30	10.82
Fabricated Metal Products	407.16	394.05	401.78	43.5	42.6	44.2	9.36	9.25	9.09
Machinery, exc. Electric	446.26	431.96	447.62	43.2	42.6	44.1	10.33	10.14	10.15
Oil Field Machinery	573.60	526.40	525.08	48.0	44.8	46.1	11.95	11.75	11.39
Electric & Electronic Equip.	491.53	483.19	459.90	42.3	42.2	42.0	11.62	11.45	10.95
Transportation Equipment	557.11	563.37	557.60	41.7	42.2	42.5	13.36	13.35	13.12
Instruments & Related Prod.	406.01	388.65	385.69	41.9	40.4	40.9	9.69	9.62	9.43
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	303.81	304.37	281.24	40.4	40.8	39.5	7.52	7.46	7.12
Nondurable Goods	432.22	427.23	428.22	41.6	41.6	41.9	10.39	10.27	10.22
Food & Kindred Products	357.00	357.14	357.33	42.5	43.5	43.0	8.40	8.21	8.31
Meat Products	278.10	293.04	260.83	41.2	44.4	41.8	6.75	6.60	6.24
Malt Beverages	756.16	768.75	916.70	41.8	42.1	49.1	18.09	18.26	18.67
Textile Mill Products	337.70	333.65	350.52	43.8	43.5	45.7	7.71	7.67	7.67
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	204.60	199.13	203.30	38.1	37.5	38.0	5.37	5.31	5.35
Paper & Allied Products	517.56	500.59	490.50	45.4	44.3	45.0	11.40	11.30	10.90
Printing & Publishing	410.01	408.60	397.45	38.9	39.1	38.7	10.54	10.45	10.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	699.34	689.34	688.90	43.6	43.3	43.3	16.04	15.92	15.91
Petroleum & Coal Products	680.52	717.61	717.55	42.4	44.6	45.3	16.05	16.09	15.84
Petroleum Refining	703.08	746.49	752.95	42.0	44.7	45.8	16.74	16.70	16.44
Leather & Leather Products	244.48	248.00	249.15	38.2	40.0	39.8	6.40	6.20	6.26
Other Nondurable Goods	400.61	384.40	397.98	42.8	41.2	43.4	9.36	9.33	9.17
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	547.23	526.73	525.71	41.3	40.8	41.2	13.25	12.91	12.76
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	560.59	548.57	522.82	45.1	45.6	44.8	12.43	12.03	11.67
Oil & Gas Extraction	547.04	524.39	526.44	41.1	40.4	41.0	13.31	12.98	12.84
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	521.02	520.90	491.38	40.8	40.6	38.6	12.77	12.83	12.73
Elec., Gas & San. Services	515.97	509.16	480.27	40.5	40.7	38.7	12.74	12.51	12.41
Wholesale & Retail Trade	240.70	235.79	236.76	33.2	32.3	33.3	7.25	7.30	7.11
Wholesale Trade	416.99	417.25	404.24	39.6	39.4	39.4	10.53	10.59	10.26
Retail Trade	188.74	181.80	187.11	31.3	30.2	31.5	6.03	6.02	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	207.59	178.44	191.75	34.2	29.3	32.5	6.07	6.09	5.90
Banking	280.11	273.77	268.60	37.1	36.6	37.1	7.55	7.48	7.24

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 448.80	$ 443.28	$ 424.20	42.5	42.5	42.0	$ 10.56	$ 10.43	$ 10.10
Durable Goods	473.93	471.32	460.10	43.4	43.4	43.0	10.92	10.86	10.70
Nondurable Goods	407.54	397.44	365.62	41.0	41.1	40.4	9.94	9.67	9.05
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	459.95	456.55	449.19	41.4	40.8	41.4	11.11	11.19	10.85
Durable Goods	486.55	480.58	472.04	41.8	40.9	41.7	11.64	11.75	11.32
Nondurable Goods	399.50	400.72	394.63	40.6	40.6	40.6	9.84	9.87	9.72
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	535.50	518.46	524.70	45.0	43.9	45.0	11.90	11.81	11.66
Durable Goods	454.81	438.02	450.96	45.3	44.2	46.3	10.04	9.91	9.74
Nondurable Goods	634.29	615.09	614.43	44.7	43.5	43.3	14.19	14.14	14.19
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	301.76	304.62	299.77	41.0	40.4	39.6	7.36	7.54	7.57
Durable Goods	330.06	336.91	320.77	40.3	40.3	38.6	8.19	8.36	8.31
Nondurable Goods	277.22	276.74	280.67	41.5	40.4	40.5	6.68	6.85	6.93

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✣ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Small, scattered layoffs were prevalent in **Durable Goods**, which dropped by 900 in December. The largest declines were in Lumber and Wood Products, Primary Metal Industries, and Electric and Electronic Equipment. Small increases in Fabricated Metal Industries and in Transportation Equipment did little to offset the more numerous decreases.

The drop of 700 jobs in **Nondurable Goods** was primarily the result of a firm closing in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, which lost 900 positions over the month. Although a few other sectors registered gains, that growth had little effect on the overall downturn.

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 628,700 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by nine cents between November and December, while Average Weekly Hours increased by two tenths of an hour, raising Average Weekly Earnings by $5.83 over the month. Most of the increase in the number of hours worked was in the Durable Goods sector.

In mid-December a worker, on average, was earning $10.36 per hour for a 42.0-hour week, and making $435.12 in Weekly Earnings. Compared to the November 1988 level, Average Hourly Earnings were up 24 cents, while Average Weekly Hours were basically the same, and Average Weekly Earnings had risen by $8.06.

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	DEC '89	DEC '88
Total Population	16,920,100*	16,861,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.7
UI Covered Employers	312,596	312,891
Total Claims Actions	547,785	542,127
Total Initial Claims Actions	69,183	65,174
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	478,602	476,953
Total Placements	25,677	26,423
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.20	$152.16
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,373,287	$59,090,479

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
FOURTH QUARTER 1989 (OCT.-DEC.)

Abilene	$1,006,417
Amarillo	1,712,553
Austin	7,054,601
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,201,940
Brazoria	1,860,566
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,585,696
Bryan-College Station	632,796
Corpus Christi	3,454,107
Dallas	29,570,732
El Paso	6,861,680
Fort Worth-Arlington	15,414,149
Galveston-Texas City	2,932,433
Houston	32,438,365
Killeen-Temple	1,569,555
Laredo	1,167,978
Longview-Marshall	1,931,180
Lubbock	1,206,700
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,771,318
Midland	1,140,014
Odessa	1,208,905
San Angelo	859,940
San Antonio	12,770,843
Sherman-Denison	997,689
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	570,891
Tyler	1,761,659
Victoria	598,152
Waco	1,832,528
Wichita Falls	1,114,841
State of Texas	181,867,837

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